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The above-identified application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/07067, filed on July 24, 2000 and published in French on February 8, 2001 as

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International Publication No. WO 01/08873 A1, which claims priority to French Application Serial No. 99/10109, filed August 2, 1999. Several of the documents to be made of record were cited in the International Search Report for the PCT priority document, and a copy of the Search Report is enclosed herewith. The documents to be made of record are as follows:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,437,321 to Breny;
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,327,753 to Travers;
3. French Patent No. 2 784 614;
4. French Patent No. 2 178 000;
5. French Patent No. 1 508 652;
6. French Patent No. 1 413 102; and
7. German Patent No. DE 1 729 575.

Copies of the above-identified documents are enclosed herewith. In addition, English-language abstracts are included herewith for French Patent Nos. 2 784 614 and 2 178 000 as well as for German Patent No. DE 1 729 575. English-language abstracts for French Patent Nos. 1 508 652 and 1 413 102 were not readily available to Applicants because of the age of these documents. However, if such abstracts become available, Applicants will provide those to the Examiner in a later submission.

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